

THE SPARK GAP

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It's fixed and back on the air, folks!

The problem stemmed from several blown components in the power supply of the repeater. Mid-State's resident repeater guru, Jay Chrisman AA9YP went down to the shack after a 24 hour shift at the fire department, and fixed the repeater. Due in large part to his efforts, we were back online in time to have our weekly net. Way to go, Jay! Make sure to email him and let him know how much you appreciate his efforts!

We were going to wire in the voter this weekend, but due to our outage, we are going to have to postpone it until next weekend. I will get with Ernest and get his schedule, and we will go from there. It was my sincere hope to the voter inline by the meeting, but it looks as though it won't happen quite that fast. But stay tuned. We'll post more info as more develops.

Also, congratulations needs to be extended to the fine folks at the 511 Repeater Association, who got the 145.11 repeater back online this weekend. So we started the weekend with no 2 meter repeaters in our county, and we end up with two! Kudos to the 511 folks as well.

by Matt, KB9UJE

INDIANA REPEATER CLUB COUNCIL 2004 TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD



Familiar to many HAMS, Chuck Crist W9IH is this years winner of the Indiana Technical Excellence Award.

Jack Parker, W8ISH, presented the award to him at the Indianapolis Hamfest on July 12th.

Hamfests for the rest of 2004

July 19: WVARA Tailgate Party, Terre Haute IN, Northside Bingo Hall, 7339 N Clinton Rd, Talk-in 146.685(-)(PL 151.4), 8AM-1PM, Info donpine@abcs.com

Aug. 3: Land-of-Lakes Hamfest, Angola IN, sharon.l.brown@gte.net

Aug. 10: Greentown Hamfest, Greentown IN, K9NQW ,
<http://www.grantarc.com/greentown.html>

Aug. 16: Madison County ARC Annual Tailgate Hamfest, Linwood, IN (just north of Anderson), K9MI , <http://home.insightbb.com/~k9mi/w9vcf>

Nov. 15-16: Indiana State Convention, Fort Wayne IN , <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

Dec. 14: HARCfest, Greenfield IN, Greenfield Central High School

Indiana Section News

I have appointed a Section VHF/UHF Net Manager for Indiana.

He is John Kinley KC9BHJ
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Please send your monthly VHF/UHF Net Reports to John ASAP after the 1st of each month. He will compile them and send a report to me to publish in the Indiana Section News.

73,

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FCC Sets New Vanity Fee

FCC Sets New Vanity Fee Start Date: August 6, 2004

The FCC has announced that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee of \$20.80 for the 10-year license term will go into effect August 6. Applicants for amateur vanity call signs will continue to pay the \$16.30 fee per vanity call sign application received by FCC until the new fee goes into effect.

The FCC says it expects to collect close to \$162,000 from 7800 Amateur Radio vanity call sign applicants during Fiscal Year 2004. See the FCC's annual Report and Order (Docket MD04-73) for details on their assessment and collection of regulatory fees for FY2004.

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JULY SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

Northfield, MN: Girl Scouts Greater Minneapolis Council-MN Dreams, K0S. 1400Z Jul 16-2100Z Jul 17. Sunny Days-Starry Nights Girl Scout Jamboree. 28.450 14.250. QSL. Twila Greenheck, 3333 Owasso Heights Rd, St Paul, MN 55126.

Kane, PA: Kane Amateur Radio Operators, AA3GM. 1800Z Jul 16-1300Z Jul 18. Celebrating the annual Kanefest Festival. 28.355 21.355 14.255 7.255. Certificate. Kenneth T. Frankenbery, 5111 Glenwall Dr, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

Wapakoneta, OH: Reservoir Amateur Radio Association, K8QLY. 1300Z-1900Z Jul 17. Celebrating the 35th anniversary of landing on the moon. 14.250 7.260. Certificate. Walter Vogel, WB8FNB, 14455 CR 66A, St Marys, OH 45885.

Birmingham, AL: Birmingham Amateur Radio Club, W4CUE. 1500Z Jul 17-2300Z Jul 18. Birmingham Amateur Radio Club's 78th anniversary. 28.480 21.360 14.050 14.260 7.250 3.850. QSL. W4CUE, PO Box 603, Birmingham, AL 35201-0603. www.w4cue.com.

Baton Rouge, LA: USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 0001 Jul 17-2359 Jul 18. Museum Ships Weekend Event. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm .

Boston, MA: Raytheon Portsmouth SubSig Amateur Radio Club, K1WEW. 0001Z Jul 17-2359Z Jul 18. USS Constitution Special Event Station for Museum Ships 2004. 14.275 7.225 3.850 146.46. QSL. Eric K. Jamieson, KO1K, 60 Norman Dr, Tiverton, RI 02878. www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html .

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Quincy, MA: USS Salem Radio Club, K1USN. 0001Z Jul 17-2359Z Jul 18. Museum Ships Radio Event. 14.260 7.260 14.039 7.039. Certificate. Robert Callahan, W1QWT, 56 Acorn St, Scituate, MA 02066. www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html.

Wingdale, NY: Steve Jacobson Memorial ARA, N2SJ. 1800Z-2300Z Jul 18. Camp Ramah in the Berkshires 2004 Amateur Radio program. 28.350 14.275 7.240. QSL. Bernard Umlas, N2NVU, 30 West 34th St, #3A12, New York, NY 10001.

Fremont, MI: Amateurs of Newaygo County, W1B. Jul 20-Jul 24. 14th Annual National Baby Food Festival. General portions of 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. Certificate. Leo Woodward, WD8DCA, 304 N Stone Rd, Fremont, MI 49412.

Wheaton, IL: Six Meter Club of Chicago, W9D. 1600-2359Z daily Jul 21-Jul 25. 50th anniversary of DuPage County Fair. 146.37/97 28.437 21.337 14.237 7.237. QSL. ix Meter Club of Chicago, K9ONA, 3021 Downing Ave, Westchester, IL 60154. www.qsl.net/k9ona/.

Various, England: Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6LOG. 0700Z Jul 21-2359Z Aug 18. 60th anniversary of the liberation of Guam 1944. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. QSL. Mike Humphrey. G0SWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett Southhampton, Hampshire, England SO16 3LQ. www.rsars.org.uk.

Corinth, MS: Alcorn County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, W5I. 1800Z Jul 23-1800Z Jul 25. Civil War Interpretive Center, Shiloh National Park. 14.280 7.280. Certificate. ACARES -- Area Promotion Council, PO Box 2158, Corinth, MS 38835-2158. www.arrlmiss.org.

Henlopen State Park, DE: WA3WSJ. 1400Z Jul 23-0000Z Jul 25. Activation of four lighthouses and one lightship in Delaware. 14.270 14.030 7.270 7.030 PSK31 14.070. QSL. Edward R. Breneiser, 775 Moonflower Ave, Reading, PA 19606.

Collingwood, ON, Canada: CERTS/CARC, VE3BPQ. 1200Z-2200Z Jul 24. 10th anniversary of Elvis Festival in Collingwood. 28.360 14.180 7.180 3.780. Certificate. VE3BPQ, 248 Birch St, Collingwood, ON L9Y 2V6, Canada.

DeSmet, SD: Lake Area Radio Klub and Huron Amateur Radio Club, W0WTN. 1600Z Jul 24-2200Z Jul 25. Annual Little House on the Prairie Pageant. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. LARK, PO Box 642, Watertown, SD 57201. www.w0wtm.org.

Warren, OH: Warren Amateur Radio Association, W8P. 1200Z Jul 24-1000Z Jul 25. National Packard Auto Show. 10 20 40 m. Certificate. Gail Wells, 708 Delaware SW, Warren, OH 44485.

Port Colborne, ON, Canada: Welland County Amateur Radio Club, VE3WCD. 1300Z Jul 31-2100Z Aug 1. Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival. 28.350 21.250 14.250 7.250. QSL. Doug Frame, VE3JDF, 895 Lakeshore Rd E, Port Colborne, ON L3K 5V3, Canada.

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Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets at 0800 EST the third Saturday of each month at the Johnson County Law Enforcement Center in the Emergency Operations Center. All hams are encouraged to attend this meeting and VE testing is held January through November after the meeting has ended.

MARC operates the 146.835 MHz (151.4 PL) repeater and all hams are welcome to use it.

For more information please visit our club web page at: <http://www.midstatehams.org>

